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¶1. Embassy Managua provides the following information regarding the current status of INL funded program vehicles in Nicaragua:

Vehicle Inventory Requirement

Toyota Yaris	4
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Toyota Tercel	4
Toyota Hilux	17
Toyota Four Runner	1
Toyota Land Cruiser	1
Hyundai Excel	2
Ford VAN	3
GMC VAN	1
GMC Truck	1

Motorcycles	Inventory	Requirement
Suzuki	5	
Honda	20	20
Honda ATV	1	
Yamaha	51	

¶2. INL Managua has requested approval for the purchase of 20 motorcycles and 3 Toyota Hi-Lux trucks for the Nicaraguan National Police's (NNP) Anti-Narcotics, Anti-Organized Crime, and Juvenile Affairs Units. The purchases will total approximately \$120,000; \$60,000 for the 20 motorcycles and \$60,000 for the 3 trucks. These purchases are crucial to maintain the operational effectiveness of the NNP Units the USG works with in both direct narcotics interdiction efforts as well as in demand reduction activities.

¶3. Our end-use monitoring shows that the NNP has maintained previously donated vehicles in good condition and that they have supplied sufficient fuel for their vehicle fleet. For this purchase, we are requesting Toyota trucks for the operational safety of the NNP officials who will use the vehicles. U.S. trucks are rare in Nicaragua and would stand out in counter-narcotics operations.

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